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Attorney General John Ashcroft
United States Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft,

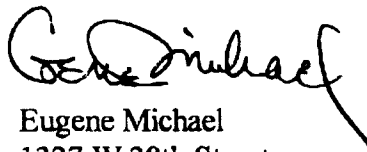
I am writing to urge you to continue supporting the settlement that was reached on November 2, 2001 between Microsoft and the Justice Department. I believe this settlement is fair and that no further legal action should be taken on the federal level.

The settlement has teeth and requires Microsoft to make significant concessions. For example, computer manufacturers were granted new rights to configure systems with access to various Windows features. And to ensure compliance, the government created an ongoing technical oversight committee to test Microsoft on whether they are meeting the agreement's requirements.

This settlement is good for our economy, consumers, and the computer industry. After three years of litigation, it is time to move forward and support the settlement.

On a personal note, I'd also like to say I think you're doing a superior job as Attorney General and I strongly support your point of view and value system. Keep up the good work and God Bless.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Michael", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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